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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence****SUBJECT : Transfer of Computer Support to NRO  
Satellite Targeting****REFERENCE : IN 81123 (attached)**

1. General Martin has just notified CIA that NRO no longer requires computer support from the Agency IBM 7090 digital computer. The significance of this is apparent from the history of this activity. Before the Satellite Operations Center was transferred to the Pentagon, it was decided that CIA should install an IBM 7090 to perform the orbital calculations required to target the CORONA and LANYARD satellites. When the transfer took place, it was agreed that CIA would continue to support the NRO Satellite Operations Center via a data link to be installed between Langley and the Pentagon. This was because none of the computers in the Pentagon could be counted on to give first priority to NRO problems on a 24-hour basis and because of the existing CIA investment in the computer.

2. The Agency computer is now busy two shifts each day on a variety of CIA problems, and we are not concerned about the loss of computing activity inherent in the NRO message.

3. The real significance of this notice is that the targeting and orbital choice for NRO satellites has now been moved permanently to the West Coast. Without computer support the effectiveness of the SOC in Washington is in serious question; it is our considered view that it will now serve simply as a relay station of USIB requirements to General Greer. This is part of a pattern which has been clear for some time, first to consolidate the Washington satellite

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assets under AF management, and then move them to the West Coast. We are all agreed that this represents a serious challenge to the USIB influence over satellite targeting and is in clear violation of the original argument which Charyk used to justify consolidation of the AF and CIA Satellite Operations Centers. What in effect has happened is that the AF activity has stayed where it was and the CIA activity has been moved to the West Coast.

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